

NEW SOUTH WALES.

1. RAINFALL—INDEX.

Index showing Weighted Average Ratio of Actual to Normal Rainfall.

(Average rainfall for each month is given in the following table.)

MONTHLY SUMMARY

OF

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2. WOOL.

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SECTION A.—RAINFALL AND PRODUCTION.

1. RAINFALL—INDEX.

Index showing Weighted Average Ratio of Actual to Normal Rainfall.

(Average rainfall for each month = 100.)

Month.	Sheep Districts.					Wheat Districts.				Dairying Districts (Coastal only.)			
	N.	C.	S.	W.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.
1944.													
November ...	35	45	46	32	41	39	43	47	45	73	31	28	56
December ...	42	8	55	49	37	34	11	56	42	59	32	43	50
1945.													
January ...	104	151	114	42	114	109	159	116	127	51	83	134	70
February ...	189	125	82	69	123	155	110	71	92	106	89	86	99
March ...	24	40	30	28	31	31	41	26	30	46	33	35	41
April ...	94	110	78	32	87	101	103	38	63	124	83	348	142
May ...	131	140	55	97	105	160	139	55	90	94	93	69	90
June ...	212	225	137	122	181	177	219	143	167	429	321	205	373
July ...	103	71	71	205	95	83	58	77	73	164	126	40	139
August ...	135	157	151	107	144	156	139	157	152	44	61	34	47
September ...	46	16	34	18	30	23	18	32	27	68	18	21	50
October ...	42	68	125	116	85	53	72	128	104	94	80	77	89
November ...	66	50	78	28	61	76	60	69	67	115	129	82	115
December ...	54	43	46	61	49	42	48	48	47	92	69	67	82

N.—Northern; C.—Central; S.—Southern; W.—Western; T.—Total, all districts.

2. WOOL.

The total production of wool in New South Wales was 546,273,000 lb. in 1939-40; 536,908,000 lb. in 1940-41; 547,000,000 lb. in 1941-42; 497,538,000 lb. in 1942-43; 537,410,000 lb. in 1943-44, and 448,683,000 lb. in 1944-45.

Under war time contract the British Government purchased the Australian wool clips 1939-40 to 1945-46. The agreed average price (per lb. greasy) was 10·75d. sterling or 13·4375d. Australian currency in 1939-40 to 1941-42 and 12·3625d. sterling (Aust. 15·4531d.) in 1942-43 to 1945-46. A new agreement has been made for joint disposal of accumulated stocks and safeguarding of prices of future clips.

Month.	Number of Bales Received into Store in Sydney.							
	During Month.				Total for Season to end of Month.			
	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.
July ...	67,442	83,715	76,207	68,696	67,442	83,715	76,207	68,696
August ...	128,260	105,532	113,506	110,161	195,702	189,247	189,713	178,857
September ...	180,883	158,065	73,356	132,093	376,585	347,312	263,069	310,950
October ...	195,950	173,622	129,588	183,001	572,535	520,934	392,657	493,951
November ...	159,518	128,231	166,656	174,501	732,053	649,165	559,313	668,452
December ...	88,943	94,774	111,713	47,412	820,996	743,939	671,026	715,864
January ...	37,213	135,652	101,888	...	858,209	879,591	772,914	...
February ...	30,274	60,931	24,884	...	888,483	940,522	797,798	...
March ...	44,208	43,493	23,799	...	932,691	984,015	821,597	...
April ...	40,835	42,000	20,854	...	973,526	1,026,015	842,451	...
May ...	41,491	51,274	34,419	...	1,015,017	1,077,289	876,870	...
June ...	56,745	56,870	41,007	...	1,071,762	1,134,159	917,877	...

3. WHEAT.

Production in New South Wales. Compiled from returns of wheatgrowers.

Season.	Area under Wheat.		Yield of Grain.	
	Total.	Harvested For Grain.	Total.	Average per Acre.
Average—1934-35	acres.	acres.	bushels.	bushels.
to 1943-44	4,296,000	3,937,000	51,635,000	13·1
1941-42... ..	4,342,000	3,969,000	48,500,000	12·2
1942-43... ..	3,386,000	3,033,000	51,693,000	17·0
1943-44... ..	2,975,000	2,693,000	47,500,000	17·6
1944-45... ..	3,174,000	2,845,000	17,134,000	6·0

The preliminary estimate by the Government Statistician of the 1945-46 wheat yield is 62,500,000 bushels.

4. BUTTER OUTPUT—N.S.W. FACTORIES.

The British Government purchases under contract the exportable surplus of Australian butter. The contract price for choicest, 142s. 6d. per cwt. f.o.b. Australian ports from July, 1942, was increased to 184s. 8½d. from July, 1944. The wholesale price for local consumption has been 166s. 6d. per cwt. since 6th March, 1942.

Month.	Average, 1937-38 to 1939-40.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.
Thousand lb.					
July	5,061	5,163	3,313	2,462	3,286
August	5,361	5,346	3,279	3,065	4,008
September	7,093	5,952	4,933	5,397	5,007
October	10,107	7,499	8,626	8,488	7,557
November	13,128	11,275	11,553	8,169	7,386
December	13,471	12,032	13,079	7,532	.....
January	12,310	13,044	12,821	8,004	.....
February	11,816	10,219	10,184	6,769	.....
March	11,370	8,648	8,440	8,261	.....
April	10,044	6,129	5,165	5,811	.....
May	8,145	4,789	3,870	4,477	.....
June	6,024	3,679	2,594	3,287	.....
Year	113,930	93,775	87,857	71,722	.....
Five Months ended November	40,750	35,234	31,704	27,580	27,244

5. MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

The following results from 42 large factories afford an indication of trends in manufacturing :—

Month.	Factory Sales.				Employees.				Weekly Salaries and Wages.			
	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
Thousand £.												
January ...	4,519	5,808	4,965	4,983	282	275	261	241	1,459	1,563	1,493	1,393
February ...	4,768	4,799	5,712	5,250	282	272	258	240	1,484	1,546	1,476	1,404
March ...	5,097	5,451	5,765	5,502	280	270	256	239	1,477	1,534	1,469	1,379
April ...	4,904	5,424	4,830	5,015	278	271	256	237	1,513	1,561	1,449	1,374
May ...	4,925	5,696	5,878	5,436	278	269	253	237	1,517	1,517	1,447	1,363
June ...	5,077	5,632	5,478	5,303	277	269	252	237	1,564	1,544	1,433	1,372
July ...	5,410	5,520	5,061	5,639	277	268	251	236	1,531	1,514	1,426	1,378
August ...	5,003	5,500	5,476	5,468	277	266	249	237	1,532	1,533	1,413	1,377
September ...	5,352	5,710	5,222	5,269	277	267	248	234	1,564	1,525	1,416	1,345
October ...	5,420	5,753	5,449	5,492	280	266	247	227	1,576	1,536	1,400	1,283
November ...	5,826	5,701	5,811	5,769	280	264	246	224	1,603	1,517	1,433	1,310
December ...	5,853	5,653	5,159	...	279	265	246	...	1,583	1,552	1,441	...
Average (January-December)	5,180	5,554	5,400	...	279	269	252	...	1,534	1,537	1,441	...

Further particulars of employment in factories are shown in Table 26.

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BUILDING INDUSTRY.

6. SUMMARY OF PRIVATE BUILDING.

Value of permits to erect new buildings and additions (compiled from returns of Municipal and certain Shire Councils). Government buildings are excluded.

Month.	City of Sydney—New Buildings and Alterations and Additions.	Suburbs of Sydney.			Total—Sydney and Suburbs.		
		New Buildings.		Alterations and Additions.	New Buildings.	Alterations and Additions.	Total.
		No. of Permits.	Value.				
Monthly Average	£		£	£	£	£	£
1938	284,132	621	748,064	137,989	974,836	195,349	1,170,185
1939	157,127	581	744,532	116,630	848,963	169,326	1,018,289
1940	127,851	567	735,957	113,612	788,668	187,852	976,520
1941	46,002	632	745,228	112,720	757,943	146,007	903,950
1942	22,580	30	45,880	52,010	51,343	69,127	120,470
1943	20,704	15	19,677	73,006	21,311	92,076	113,387
1944	27,671	35	35,511	70,395	35,553	98,024	133,577
1945†	22,019	336	342,989	80,812	345,386	100,434	445,820
Month—							
1944—Nov.	26,176	58	39,668	120,669	39,668	146,845	186,513
Dec.	16,877	54	50,666	90,006	50,666	106,883	157,549
1945—Nov.	23,477	580	629,054	105,059	630,834	126,756	757,590
Dec.†	16,423	389	456,332	78,980	456,332	95,403	551,735

Quarter.	Industrial and Rural Towns.			Seven Shires.			Total, New South Wales : New Buildings, Alterations and Additions. *
	New Buildings.		Alterations and Additions.	New Buildings.		Alterations and Additions.	
	No. of Permits.	Value.		No. of Permits.	Value.		
Quarterly Average—		£	£		£	£	£
1938	1,277	1,074,724	245,066	324	200,866	61,786	5,092,997
1939	1,126	849,892	215,388	359	246,018	29,242	4,395,406
1940	850	752,163	183,881	363	250,096	35,659	4,151,369
1941	863	691,258	164,264	399	306,332	27,634	3,901,338
1942	206	144,982	58,542	98	54,724	11,511	631,168
1943	76	36,401	62,238	39	15,162	13,295	467,257
1944	109	59,601	87,067	86	45,133	25,550	618,083
1945†	582	467,369	126,492	611	503,434	50,867	2,485,622
December Quarter —							
1944	142	79,472	83,788	129	76,848	17,577	753,105
1945†	1,160	1,070,386	187,795	1,024	994,700	76,595	4,773,250

*Metropolis, 7 adjacent shires and 129 rural and industrial towns; other areas not recorded. † Preliminary.

BUILDING INDUSTRY—continued.**7. CLASSES OF PRIVATE BUILDING.**

The value according to principal classes of buildings for which permits were issued in Sydney and Suburbs and 129 Industrial and Rural Towns is shown below :—

Period.	Value of New Buildings and Alterations and Additions.						
	Houses.		Flats. (a)	Factories.	Shops (b) and Public Garages.	Other (Offices, Hotels, Hospitals, etc.).	Total.
	Brick.	Wood, Fibro, etc.					
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Monthly Average—	<i>Sydney and Suburbs.</i>						
1938	408,170	75,133	283,307	66,560	63,959	273,056	1,170,185
1939	373,102	76,469	231,830	106,124	47,665	183,099	1,018,289
1940	391,586	73,592	223,644	95,225	33,745	158,728	976,520
1941	476,540	79,768	183,179	98,589	10,533	49,341	903,950
1942	13,480	5,993	1,820	73,580	1,617	23,980	120,470
1943	2,971	3,938	794	82,958	934	21,792	113,387
1944	10,343	14,388	1,094	85,433	1,894	20,425	133,577
1945	170,657	170,130	3,680	61,641	5,573	34,139	445,820
Month—							
1944—November ...	15,109	23,452	2,930	127,610	1,373	16,039	186,513
December ...	35,654	23,790	742	80,166	3,538	13,659	157,549
1945—November†..	327,751	305,567	4,758	88,152	6,821	24,541	757,590
December†..	284,289	176,504	6,627	40,801	7,620	35,894	551,735
Year ended December							
1944	124,117	172,660	13,122	1,025,190	22,733	245,106	1,602,928
1945†	2,047,882	2,041,558	44,159	739,696	66,878	409,668	5,349,841
Quarterly Average—	<i>129 Industrial and Rural Towns.</i>						
1938	218,626	508,143	38,722	99,806	141,611	321,883	1,319,79
1939	187,801	482,784	36,997	28,847	102,725	226,127	1,065,281
1940	158,283	373,804	20,874	57,365	69,332	256,386	936,044
1941	185,957	400,999	25,049	57,897	40,286	145,334	855,522
1942	34,071	95,904	3,506	26,721	5,643	37,679	203,524
1943	4,924	28,974	802	27,227	5,099	31,614	98,640
1944	6,795	49,873	1,755	41,784	5,469	40,991	146,667
1945†	79,686	383,054	2,749	53,107	16,855	58,410	593,861
December Quarter—							
1944	7,413	59,439	1,019	58,676	3,483	33,330	163,360
1945†	202,043	833,719	4,984	84,871	21,002	111,562	1,258,181
Year—							
1944	27,181	199,491	7,019	167,137	21,877	163,965	586,670
1945†	318,745	1,532,216	10,994	212,429	67,423	233,638	2,375,445

(a) Includes conversions to flats. (b) Includes shops with dwelling attached. † Preliminary.

8. GOVERNMENT BUILDING.

In addition to private building shown above is value of Government building (Commonwealth, State and Public authorities) as shown below, viz., value of buildings actually commenced under the State Housing Scheme and, for other Government building, value of contracts accepted and day labour jobs authorised :—

Month.	1944*.			1945*.		
	Sydney and Suburbs.	Remainder of State.	Total.	Sydney and Suburbs.	Remainder of State.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
January	197,700	48,017	245,717	269,045	147,253	416,298
February	154,761	62,442	217,203	156,200	108,106	264,306
March	151,644	104,113	255,757	261,846	105,193	367,039
April	91,931	26,651	118,582	178,451	138,923	317,374
May	89,777	88,736	178,513	452,339	154,662	607,001
June	42,776	92,598	135,374	109,560	66,390	169,950
July	121,644	47,404	169,048	210,825	75,379	286,204
August	221,339	200,660	421,999	462,948	217,237	680,185
September	166,425	82,754	249,179	427,581	142,874	570,455
October	71,693	137,899	209,592	487,614	133,561	621,175
November	136,857	129,576	266,433	249,302	125,831	375,133
December	79,680	18,004	97,684	353,590	171,908	525,498
Year	1,526,227	1,038,854	2,565,081	3,619,301	1,581,317	5,200,618

* Monthly statistics in years 1944 and 1945 have been revised.

SECTION B.—TRADE.

9. WHOLESALE TRADE.

Approximate Amount of Sales (N.S.W.) by Traders Registered under Sales Tax Acts.
Total Taxable and Exempt Goods.

Period.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
Million £.							
Year ended 31st December ...	200.29	202.79	229.03	238.65	240.54	251.40	.....
January ...	13.24	16.33	15.83	18.69	17.18	18.01	18.62
February ...	16.54	14.64	17.48	19.39	21.60	20.48	21.47
March ...	15.78	16.97	17.40	19.53	19.44	18.00	21.75
April ...	15.79	17.88	19.06	19.19	21.88	21.68	20.81
May ...	17.46	14.85	18.75	20.72	19.56	21.45	22.24
June ...	14.88	17.07	21.76	18.93	20.91	20.67	19.40
July ...	15.28	16.74	17.63	19.17	19.81	20.87	22.01
August ...	16.81	17.17	20.41	20.86	18.75	23.82	20.22
September ...	19.44	17.48	21.60	19.59	19.93	21.46	23.72
October ...	19.22	18.50	18.25	22.06	20.80	21.82	22.36
November ...	17.53	18.13	20.58	19.54	21.07	20.30	.....
December ...	18.32	17.03	20.28	20.98	19.61	22.84	.....

10. RETAIL TRADE.

Returns collected by the Retail Traders' Association Research Bureau in conjunction with the Commonwealth Bank from the principal Sydney stores indicate the following increases or decreases per cent. for periods shown below compared with corresponding periods of previous year:—

Period.	Number of Business Days in Period.		Net Sales (Value).	Value of Stock.	Wages and Salaries Paid.	Number of Employees.	Three Monthly Moving Average ended month shown.	
	Previous Year.	Current Year.					Net Sales (Value).	Wages and Salaries Paid.
Year ended December—								
1938 ...	303	303	+ 4.8	+ 5.2	+ 11.6	+ 5.0		
1939 ...	303	303	+ 2.4	+ 2.0	+ 2.6	+ 0.9		
1940 ...	303	305	+ 6.3	+ 17.0	+ 4.0	+ 1.9		
1941 ...	305	304	+ 14.6	+ 8.0	+ 9.0	+ 4.0		
1942 ...	304	303	— 5.3	+ 9.2	— 5.1	— 8.4		
1943 ...	303	306	— 11.3	— 6.8	— 9.7	— 17.6		
1944 ...	306	302	+ 3.2	— 0.2	— 4.6	+ 1.4		
1944.								
November ...	26	26	+ 10.6	+ 4.4	+ 0.9	— 2.5	+ 6.8	— 0.2
December ...	25	24	+ 6.1	+ 4.6	— 0.6	— 1.3	+ 7.4	+ 0.1
1945.								
January ...	23	25	+ 20.1	+ 2.6	+ 5.2	— 0.9	+ 11.0	+ 1.6
February ...	25	24	+ 6.7	+ 7.7	— 2.4	— 3.3	+ 10.0	+ 0.7
March ...	27	26	— 6.6	+ 17.0	+ 2.5	+ 1.1	+ 4.8	+ 1.8
April ...	21	24	+ 3.0	+ 18.3	+ 3.4	+ 0.3	+ 0.5	+ 1.3
May ...	27	26	— 9.7	+ 26.9	+ 4.4	+ 2.5	— 4.9	+ 3.5
June ...	25	25	+ 19.3	+ 24.0	+ 3.0	+ 3.3	+ 3.2	+ 3.6
July ...	26	26	+ 31.6	+ 16.7	+ 7.1	+ 4.3	+ 10.6	+ 4.8
August ...	27	25	+ 16.6	+ 11.9	+ 6.4	+ 4.4	+ 21.8	+ 5.5
September ...	26	25	+ 21.1	+ 10.2	+ 4.0	+ 6.7	+ 22.5	+ 5.8
October ...	25	26	+ 37.9	+ 4.9	+ 13.5	+ 9.9	+ 25.0	+ 8.0
November ...	26	26	+ 40.6	+ 2.1	+ 13.6	+ 12.0	+ 33.4	+ 10.4

Further particulars of monthly employment in retail trade are shown in Table 26.

SECTION C.—TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC.

11. RAILWAYS.

NEW SOUTH WALES RAILWAYS REVENUE AND BUSINESS.

The financial results of operations were:—

	Month of November.			Five months ended 30th November.		
	Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.	Gross Revenue. †	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1943 ...	2,816,121	1,904,075	912,046	14,876,475	10,309,692	4,566,783
1944 ...	2,630,586	1,917,702	712,884	13,335,734	9,615,296	3,720,438
1945 ...	2,635,471	1,986,041	649,430	13,302,108	10,041,645	3,260,463

* Excluding capital charges, viz., interest, exchange, sinking fund, etc., which amounted to £7,159,000 in year 1944-45.

† Excluding Government contribution £800,000 annually for developmental lines.

	Month of November.		Five months ended 30th November.	
	Tonnage of Goods and Livestock.*	Passenger Journeys.	Tonnage of Goods and Livestock.*	Passenger Journeys.
	thousands.	thousands.	thousands.	thousands.
1943 ...	1,669	20,953	8,521	102,596
1944 ...	1,628	19,528	8,137	103,082
1945 ...	1,414	21,051	7,178	109,171

* Partly estimated.

12. TRAMWAYS AND OMNIBUSES.

SERVICES OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ROAD TRANSPORT, NEW SOUTH WALES

PERIOD.	SYDNEY AND SUBURBS.			NEWCASTLE AND SUBURBS.		
	Earnings.	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.*	Passengers carried.†	Earnings.	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.*	Passengers carried.
	£	£	thousands.	£	£	thousands.
Month of November—						
1943 ...	428,300	40,900	38,977	43,100	4,900	3,455
1944 ...	435,400	41,000	41,320	46,100	5,900	3,769
1945 ...	436,400	35,900	41,641	46,200	6,000	3,864
Five months ended 30th November.						
1943 ...	2,120,120	161,410	193,777	212,320	26,400	17,011
1944 ...	2,172,000	204,700	208,034	227,000	29,100	18,558
1945 ...	2,194,400	92,300	208,871	231,900	19,900	19,374

* Exclusive of Sinking Fund, Interest on Loan Capital, Exchange and Current Depreciation (Sydney and Newcastle), which amounted to £537,000 in year 1944-45.

† Exclusive of Sydney Harbour Bridge passengers whose journey did not extend beyond the Bridge Section.

13. MOTOR VEHICLES.

NUMBER OF REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES (N.S.W.) AS AT VARIOUS DATES.

(Exclusive of Vehicles of Defence Services.)

Class.	1939.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.			
	31st August.	30th June.*	31st December.	31st December.	30th June.	31st October.	30th November.	31st December.
Cars	216,633	169,916	177,245	184,364	185,451	186,619	187,312	188,412
Lorries and Vans ...	77,639	71,248	75,068	80,495	82,957	86,045	87,413	88,670
Trailers	6,538	6,965	7,409	8,501	9,065	9,334	9,493	10,000
Tractors†	1,102	1,366	1,429	1,636	1,746	1,817	1,841	1,852
Cycles—Solo	17,111	10,538	9,842	11,649	12,043	12,824	13,089	13,478
Cycles—Side-car ...	6,884	4,785	4,518	3,807	4,025	4,190	4,287	4,422
Omnibuses†	794	890	913	1,018	1,023	1,043	1,047	1,049
Taxi-cabs†	1,331	1,352	1,348	1,352	1,351	1,355	1,359	1,362
Traders' Plates ...	1,187	708	634	642	651	711	736	752
Total	329,219	267,768	278,406	293,554	298,312	303,938	306,577	309,997

* Lowest wartime cars; lowest lorries and vans (70,724) in October, 1942. † Excluding tractors used on farms only.

‡ Metropolitan and Newcastle Districts.

Average Weekly Number of New Vehicles Registered.

Year.	Cars (Including Cabs and Omnibuses).						Lorries and Vans.					
	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1941	20	21	32	44	43	38	43	45	41	43	52	61
1942	17	19	16	21	18	12	13	9	7	4	5	2
1943	6	3	4	6	4	5	60	55	60	64	86	94
1944	4	5	6	6	10	9	73	62	66	53	65	58
1945	8	6	6	7	5	5	48	44	38	60	60	38

14. WIRELESS LICENSES.

BROADCAST LISTENERS' LICENSES IN FORCE IN N.S.W.

(Excluding Experimental Licenses.)

End of Month.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
January	485,854	503,346	527,733	556,775	564,184
February	488,362	500,449	533,597	561,066	563,702
March	491,816	502,810	536,795	560,665	563,791
April	494,004	503,494	537,319	561,638	567,295
May	495,238	500,565	543,419	563,277	571,616
June	494,884	500,451	552,044	560,032	572,697
July	494,904	506,566	546,856	559,106	573,078
August	498,073	508,292	549,939	562,063	572,893
September	500,125	509,332	554,227	563,425	568,280
October	499,804	515,228	555,450	561,504	571,656
November	499,614	519,375	557,140	562,093	573,637
December	501,253	523,920	558,381	560,717	

SECTION D.—FINANCIAL.

15. COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER.

Revenue.	1944.	1945.	Expenditure.	1944.	1945.
Taxes—	million £.		Social Services—	million £.	
Customs and Excise ...	34·01	35·73	Invalid, Old Age Pensions	11·13	* 13·64
Sales	14·86	14·51	Widows' Pensions ...	1·35	1·46
Income	76·77	87·92	Child Endowment ...	5·66	8·05
Payroll	5·53	5·61	Other	1·28	1·60
Estate	1·31	1·72	Payments to States ...	7·15	7·99
Entertainments ...	2·43	2·31	Reimbursed to States (In-		
Other	1·43	1·50	come Tax)	7·60	8·24
Post Office	13·75	13·97	Post Office	9·46	9·86
Other	5·34	4·64	Other	22·29	23·22
			Total Non-War ...	65·92	74·06
			War—from Revenue ...	89·51	97·99
			from Loan	143·67	135·81
Total Revenue ...	155·43	167·91	Total Expenditure	299·10	307·86

* Includes £4,143,000 expended from balance held in National Welfare Fund at 30th June, 1945.

16. N.S.W. GOVERNMENT—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER.

Revenue.	1944.	1945.	Expenditure.	1944.	1945.
	£ 000	£ 000		£ 000	£ 000
From Commonwealth—			Interest, Exchange and Sink-		
Towards Interest ...	1,459	1,216	ing Fund	8,620	8,748
Reimbursement of Taxes...	3,618	3,599	Less—Recoups from other		
Stamp and Probate Duty ...	2,086	2,360	Activities	878	807
Other Taxes	656	702	Net Debt Charges ...	7,742	7,941
Land	604	578	Other than Debt Charges—		
Services	617	639	Governmental	13,722†	10,691
Other	4,912*	2,376	Business Undertakings ...	14,734	15,139
Total Governmental	13,952	11,470	Road Transport and Traffic		
Business Undertakings ...	19,385	19,331	Fund	288	296
Road Transport and Traffic					
Fund	330	374			
Total Revenue ...	33,667	31,175	Total Expenditure ...	36,486	34,067

* Includes contribution by Business Undertakings towards redemption of Treasury Bills £3,250,000.

† Includes redemption of Deficiency Treasury Bills £3,840,000.

Loan expenditure on works and services during the six months ended December was gross £2,209,000 and net (i.e., gross, less repayments to loan account) £2,053,000 in 1945, compared with gross £1,229,000 and net £1,073,000 in 1944.

17. NINE TRADING BANKS—DEPOSITS AND ASSETS IN AUSTRALIA.

Deposits and assets in *Australia* of the nine banks which transact most of the private banking business in N.S.W. are shown below; the amounts are monthly averages of weekly figures (replacing quarterly averages shown formerly).

Month.	Deposits.	Cash Items.*	Treasury Bills.	Government and Municipal Securities.	Special Deposits with Commonwealth Bank.	Advances.
million £.						
1939—June ...	318.4	28.6	23.9	22.1	.....	291.7
1940 " ...	345.4	31.1	38.3	43.7	.....	289.9
1941 " ...	360.0	33.3	36.1	61.9	.....	283.7
1942 " ...	387.9	40.4	39.6	56.3	36.4	268.3
1943 " ...	453.5	33.4	50.8	75.7	102.9	246.0
1944 " ...	534.5	38.0	55.4	89.1	182.8	221.8
1945 " ...	582.5	36.5	46.5	104.3	241.8	207.9
1944—Sept. ...	542.6	37.7	57.6	100.0	183.1	215.0
Oct. ...	551.7	38.4	62.4	101.4	185.3	216.2
Nov. ...	555.4	36.9	62.0	104.8	191.0	212.0
Dec. ...	571.1	41.3	65.6	109.2	197.4	206.0
1945—Sept. ...	579.7	38.5	61.2	109.3	219.6	207.8†
Oct. ...	585.2	40.1	60.3	110.4	224.6	209.1†
Nov. ...	591.4	38.4	61.5	113.0	227.3	210.1†
Dec. ...	606.3	42.2	66.9	115.7	230.0	208.9†

* Excluding London Funds. † Excluding certain assets (approximately £2.8 m. in September, 1945) included in earlier figures.

18. ALL TRADING BANKS—DEPOSITS AND ADVANCES.

There are 14 trading banks in N.S.W., viz., 9 to which Table 17 relates, the Commonwealth Bank (General Division), Rural Bank and 3 overseas banks; three other banks operate in Australia but not in N.S.W.

Month.	New South Wales* (14 banks).				Australia* (17 banks).			
	Deposits.		Total, including Govt.	Advances.	Deposits.		Total, including Govt.	Advances.
	Non-Government.				Non-Government.			
	Fixed.	Current.			Fixed.	Current.		
million £.								
1945—September ...	79.7	173.4	255.7	104.8	220.2	413.4	644.0	239.0
October ...	80.7	174.6	258.3	105.1	221.4	419.4	650.7	240.4
November ...	81.5	175.7	259.9	105.9	222.5	426.2	657.8	241.3
December ...	81.8	180.4	265.1	106.2	223.2	443.5	675.5	240.2

* Comparable figures not available prior to September, 1945. Movements in deposits and advances since 1939 are illustrated by *monthly averages in Australia* of nine trading banks shown in Table 17, and by *quarterly averages in New South Wales* of these banks as shown below:—

September Quarter.	Deposits.		Advances.	September Quarter.	Deposits.		Advances.
	Non-Government.	Total, including Government.			Non-Government.	Total, including Government.	
million £.							
1939 ...	113.6	114.9	122.5	1943	169.1	172.3	93.5
1940 ...	126.1	128.1	117.6	1944	200.9	203.6	85.1
1941 ...	134.4	137.3	113.7	1945	217.8	219.8	85.9
1942 ...	142.1	145.3	106.9				

19. SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS (NEW SOUTH WALES).†

As at June 30th.	Amount of Deposits †	End of Month.	Amount of Deposits.			
			1940.	1943.	1944.	1945.
	£000		£000	£000	£000	£000
1934 ...	75,714	January ...	80,716	109,220	146,283	181,801
1935 ...	77,906	February ...	87,167	112,818	150,375	184,725
1936 ...	80,000	March ...	86,759	115,642	154,154	187,894
1937 ...	81,952	April ...	87,056	115,500	156,025	189,566
1938 ...	86,016	May ...	85,179	118,016	157,045	192,884
1939 ...	87,474	June† ...	82,111	122,405	162,867	198,203
1940 ...	82,111	July ...	82,135	126,689	166,751	200,932
1941 ...	87,750	August ...	83,074	130,519	170,104	204,794
1942 ...	94,538	September ...	83,827	134,163	173,037	207,520
1943 ...	122,405	October ...	84,568	136,326	173,981	209,906
1944 ...	162,867	November ...	85,110	138,328	176,748	214,806
1945 ...	198,203	December ...	84,884	142,108	179,128	219,560

† Including accrued interest.

‡ Amount at credit of depositors' accounts.

WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES: The net amount received from sales of certificates less re-purchases in New South Wales totalled £19,626,067, at 30th November, 1945, including £83,579 in November, 1945.

20. INTER-BANK CLEARINGS (SYDNEY).

(Value of cheques drawn on a Bank other than the Bank in which they were Deposited.)

Month.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
	Amount—Million £							Index Numbers.						
January ...	66.5	82.7	90.3	92.0	106.7	107.5	114.2	98	110	117	123	136	150	152
February ...	75.5	88.9	82.0	97.1	105.7	121.2	114.1	96	110	114	123	139	147	149
March ...	80.5	87.8	89.4	102.6	123.4	130.1	123.4	93	107	110	119	138	146	145
April ...	70.7	84.3	86.9	95.4	125.3	108.4	126.2	98	111	111	125	150	150	154
May ...	82.0	90.2	106.3	98.9	123.0	143.5	132.6	100	111	117	125	155	158	160
June ...	80.3	94.5	97.4	116.6	132.6	140.1	136.0	101	115	123	133	163	166	169
July ...	71.2	94.6	98.9	99.7	114.3	122.9	129.7	98	116	125	130	155	168	167
August ...	74.9	83.6	87.0	99.0	122.7	127.4	121.0	99	118	123	135	160	169	168
September ...	74.9	84.5	94.9	105.6	116.5	120.9	123.4	99	117	124	134	155	163	166
October ...	78.0	90.1	101.8	115.0	115.5	123.7	140.4	100	113	123	138	152	159	166
November ...	86.1	93.5	99.6	105.0	129.3	126.3	129.7	102	114	124	135	149	153	164
December ...	91.7	100.1	104.9	121.6	127.3	127.6	121.7	106	115	124	136	150	152	159
Year ...	932.3	1074.8	1139.4	1248.5	1442.3	1499.6	1512.4	100	113	120	131	151	156	160

The index may be regarded as an approximate measure of changes in the volume of business transactions settled by cheques provided it is considered in conjunction with changes in price levels. It represents the ratio of each month's clearings to the average for the month concerned during the five years 1926-1930. This average is represented by 100 each month. Seasonal fluctuations have thus been eliminated. Casual fluctuations in monthly index numbers have been smoothed out by taking a three months' moving average, that is, the index shown above for each month is the average of the actual index of that month and the preceding two months. It may be compared vertically or horizontally.

The index is adjusted to eliminate the effects of Treasury Bill and other special transactions on behalf of Governments and the effects of bank amalgamations. No adjustment has been made for normal growth or change of price levels. The amounts of clearings shown are the recorded totals less Treasury Bill transactions only.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

21. INTEREST RATES PER CENT. (N.S.W.).

Period.	Private First Mortgages Registered. Weighted Average Rate of Interest.*		Yield on Commonwealth Government Securities†—subject to Commonwealth Income Tax—				
			Not exceeding Rates in force in 1930.			At Current Rates.	
	Urban Securities.	Rural Securities.	Short- dated.	Medium- dated.	Long- dated.	Short- dated, 2 years.	Long- dated, 12 years.
Average for year—			Under 5 years.	5 to 10 years.	10 years and over.		
1938	5'4	5'0	3'38	3'71	3'76	...	...
1939	5'6	5'2	3'84	3'87	3'92	...	...
1940	5'6	5'1	3'14	3'25	3'30	...	...
1941	5'5	4'9	2'45	2'95	3'10	...	...
1941	5'5	4'9	2 years.	7 years.	12 years.		
1942	5'4	4'9	2'42	2'87	3'13	2'47	3'23
1943	5'0	4'7	2'39	2'80	3'11	2'45	3'24
1944	5'0	4'4	2'43	2'72	§	2'48	3'23
1945	4'8	4'4	2'30	2'60	...	2'45	3'24
Months—			2'27	2'57	...	2'47	3'25
1944—December ...	5'0	4'3	2'19	2'51	...	2'49	3'24
1945—March ...	4'9	4'4	2'14	2'43	...	2'48	3'25
June ...	4'8	4'5	2'25	2'39	...	2'49	3'25
September ...	4'8	4'4	2'43	2'82	...	2'48	3'25
October ...	4'8	4'4	2'32	2'83	...	2'48	3'24
November ...	4'7	4'4	2'41	2'77	...	2'43	3'24
December ...	4'7	4'4	2'41	2'75	...	2'46	3'25

* Monthly rate is average of three months ended month shown.

† Compiled by Commonwealth Bank as at last Wednesday in month.

§ Subsequent yields uncertain.

22. REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS (N.S.W.).

(Registered under Real Property Act and Registration of Deeds Act.)

Month.	Consideration of Sales.					Amount of Mortgages.*				
	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
	Thousand £.									
January	2,383	2,815	1,226	1,090	1,786	1,148	916	595	383	608
February	2,557	2,472	1,294	1,507	1,999	1,329	975	390	611	593
March	2,677	2,083	1,550	1,552	2,059	1,320	996	503	663	688
April	2,574	2,276	1,517	931	1,663	1,305	891	536	302	526
May	2,835	1,154	1,185	1,307	2,204	1,324	526	381	495	606
June	3,029	1,266	1,358	1,809	2,373	1,273	599	400	687	864
July	3,165	1,540	1,783	1,992	2,726	1,470	622	399	543	902
August	2,545	1,671	1,379	2,241	2,238	1,213	451	450	723	861
September	2,941	1,616	1,551	1,772	2,684	1,571	516	432	597	1,005
October	3,013	1,514	1,549	1,654	3,260	1,413	423	618	634	1,128
November	2,548	1,942	1,558	1,899	3,106	1,022	530	558	529	1,072
December	2,972	1,260	1,592	1,708	2,195	1,242	562	494	699	899
Year	33,239	21,609	17,542	19,462	28,293	15,630	8,007	5,756	6,866	9,752

* Including new mortgages and renewals as registered.

NOTE.—The amounts shown relate substantially to mortgages of fixed amounts for fixed periods, and exclude fluctuating advances (such as overdrafts) secured by mortgage. Mortgages providing collateral security are included.

23. LIENS ON CROPS AND WOOL AND MORTGAGES ON LIVESTOCK.

(Registered under Liens on Crops and Wool and Stock Mortgages Act.)

	Month of December.			Twelve Months ended 31st December.		
	Crops.	Wool.*	Livestock.*	Crops	Wool.*	Livestock.*
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1943	19,706	101,500	64,051	1,416,767	1,734,753	774,467
1944	5,859	128,189	47,731	942,182	1,422,169	600,149
1945	11,297	73,970	65,011	913,650	1,430,685	1,011,145

See note under Table 22. * Loans secured by both lien on wool and mortgage on sheep are included under both headings.

24. STOCK EXCHANGE INDEX (SYDNEY).

The following index of the values of the principal Company shares on Sydney Stock Exchange embraces the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales.

The prices of individual shares are unweighted, and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £ of paid-up capital. The aggregate index is the average for the whole of the shares included in the groups with the addition of 24 miscellaneous shares. There is no base period as the index represents the ratio per cent. of the average prices of ordinary shares to their par values, adjustment being made where capital is written off or bonus shares are issued.

Month.	23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies.	10 Retail Companies.	8 Public Utility Companies.	5 Pastoral and Finance Companies.	5 Insurance Companies.	Total* Companies 75.	34 Active Shares included in foregoing.
April, 1929	179.3	183.8	129.4	174.1	243.5	174.4	172.6
Sept., 1931	72.3	60.2	87.9	75.2	121.3	74.4	77.2
Mar., 1937	213.8	203.8	181.0	169.2	281.2	190.4	200.5
1944-Nov. ...	240.3	202.6	162.8	145.4	264.1	192.5	207.1
Dec. ...	240.4	203.0	162.5	146.0	264.1	192.6	207.0
1945-Jan. ...	240.6	203.5	162.7	146.3	264.1	192.8	207.3
Feb. ...	241.7	205.0	168.5	148.0	264.5	194.7	209.3
Mar. ...	242.2	205.9	170.1	148.7	264.6	195.4	209.8
April ...	242.3	207.3	170.2	148.8	264.6	195.7	210.0
May ...	242.2	207.2	170.5	148.4	264.6	195.7	210.0
June ...	242.3	207.7	170.4	148.0	264.6	195.7	210.1
July ...	242.2	207.4	170.3	147.3	264.6	195.6	210.0
Aug. ...	242.3	207.3	170.3	146.8	264.6	195.6	209.9
Sept. ...	242.7	207.8	170.8	146.7	264.6	195.8	210.3
Oct. ...	255.3	216.3	178.2	150.8	274.6	204.5	220.2
Nov. ...	266.3	224.1	182.1	156.9	291.5	212.8	229.7
Dec. ...	266.0	224.0	182.3	154.7	291.5	212.6	229.3

* Including 24 Miscellaneous Companies. § The highest point of the index (75 Companies) prior to the slump was reached in April, 1929; the lowest point was in September, 1931. The highest point of the pre-war period was in March, 1937.

25. PRICES OF METALS.

Average Monthly Prices of Metals (Export Parity f.o.b. Australia) in Australian Currency.

Period.	Silver (Standard).		Lead.		Zinc (Electrolytic).		Tin (Standard).		Gold (Fine).	
	per oz.		per ton.		per ton.		per ton.		per oz.	
	s.	d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
1938 ...	2	0.14	17	12 11	19	12 10	228	11 10	8	17 1
1939 ...	2	1.42	17	12 1	19	15 3	268	3 6	9	14 4
1940 ...	2	2.95	18	14 6	22	9 11	292	19 8	10	13 1
1941 ...	2	4.26	19	11 4	22	12 11	295	1 6	10	13 8
1942 ...	2	4.66	21	9 9	22	2 11	285	9 1	10	9 1
1943 ...	2	4.63	22	19 2	23	15 2	283	1 6	10	9 0
1944 ...	2	4.63	26	3 0	24	9 4	335	7 2	10	10 1
1945—June ...	2	4.80	39	1 6	31	11 3	350	14 5	10	14 9
July ...	2	4.80	35	10 2	40	2 4	352	0 6	10	15 3
August ...	2	4.80	36	2 3	34	6 5	352	19 1	10	15 3
September ...	2	10.15	38	0 9	49	1 2	353	17 8	10	15 3
October ...	4	2.19	39	1 1	47	16 8	353	17 8	10	15 3
November ...	4	2.18	39	9 6	47	9 5	353	17 8	10	15 3

SECTION E.—GENERAL.

26. EMPLOYMENT IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.

The estimates shown below are based on Civilian Registers and returns supplied monthly by employers for purposes of Commonwealth Pay-roll Tax as from July, 1941. Employees in defence forces at home or abroad and Government "relief" workers are not included.

Month.	Estimated Total Employment. (Including Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces.)			Estimated Employment in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Governmental Authorities.	Private Employers.	Total.	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories.	Allied Works Council Projects.	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services.
	(a)				(b)					(c)
MALES. (Thousands.)										
1933—June ...	103.2	277.5	380.7	...	94.5	...	...	...	...	...
1939—July ...	136.5	393.4	529.9	...	158.8	...	...	...	...	...
1941—July ...	141.5	404.8	546.3	25.8	202.1	...	78.2	41.3	43.3	52.5
1942—July ...	158.6	376.0	534.6	25.4	213.3	19.5	80.3	32.3	36.0	46.0
1943—July ...	156.6	365.4	522.0	25.1	217.8	14.4	81.5	28.7	33.2	43.3
Nov. ...	153.9	366.2	520.1	25.0	218.0	11.1	80.9	28.2	33.8	44.1
1944—July ...	152.4	369.7	522.1	24.4	217.5	6.6	84.1	28.4	34.2	45.4
Nov. ...	153.4	372.5	525.9	24.8	215.2	7.2	85.6	29.1	35.6	46.2
Dec. ...	152.3	374.2	526.5	24.5	215.0	8.5	84.4	30.5	35.6	46.4
1945—Jan. ...	153.4	375.6	529.0	24.8	215.7	8.4	85.6	29.5	35.7	46.8
Feb. ...	154.1	376.1	530.2	24.6	215.4	8.6	86.2	29.4	35.8	46.8
Mar. ...	154.9	374.7	529.6	24.0	214.5	8.8	85.2	29.6	36.0	47.0
April ...	155.8	375.2	531.0	24.7	213.8	8.9	86.9	29.6	35.6	46.9
May ...	155.4	375.6	531.0	24.3	213.2	8.9	86.7	30.0	35.7	46.9
June ...	155.8	377.1	532.9	24.4	214.5	8.6	87.2	29.7	35.9	47.3
July ...	156.5	377.5	534.0	24.6	214.2	7.3	88.0	29.9	35.9	47.6
Aug. ...	155.6	379.2	534.8	24.8	214.3	5.9	88.7	30.2	36.4	48.3
Sept. ...	155.3	374.1	529.4	24.7	208.3	4.8	87.6	30.8	37.0	48.7
Oct. ...	154.2	371.1	525.3	23.5	202.5	3.5	88.2	31.5	37.7	49.4
Nov. ...	154.2	373.3	527.5	23.7	199.9	2.9	89.3	32.7	39.4	50.1
FEMALES. (Thousands.)										
1933—June ...	16.8	109.0	125.8	...	36.3	...	...	...	...	...
1939—July ...	19.4	148.6	168.0	...	59.3	...	...	...	...	...
1941—July ...	21.7	192.4	214.1	0.2	76.0	...	8.1	40.9	17.6	57.0
1942—July ...	29.3	203.6	232.9	0.2	84.8	...	9.0	41.1	20.7	58.9
1943—July ...	45.8	204.1	249.9	0.2	94.6	...	12.9	38.5	20.5	62.3
Nov. ...	47.0	208.3	255.3	0.2	96.2	...	13.4	38.3	20.8	64.4
1944—July ...	45.5	206.1	251.6	0.2	92.2	...	13.9	37.2	20.4	65.7
Nov. ...	44.5	209.3	253.8	0.2	90.8	...	14.0	38.7	20.8	67.8
Dec. ...	44.2	210.3	254.5	0.2	90.3	...	14.0	40.4	20.7	67.4
1945—Jan. ...	44.1	207.3	251.4	0.2	88.8	...	14.0	38.5	20.7	67.6
Feb. ...	43.9	208.5	252.4	0.2	89.5	...	14.1	38.4	20.6	68.1
Mar. ...	43.7	209.4	253.1	0.2	89.2	...	14.1	38.7	20.7	68.5
April ...	43.7	208.3	252.0	0.2	88.2	...	14.1	38.8	20.4	68.5
May ...	43.6	208.1	251.7	0.2	87.9	...	14.0	39.0	20.3	68.6
June ...	43.5	209.1	252.6	0.2	87.8	...	14.6	39.3	20.5	68.8
July ...	43.3	208.8	252.1	0.2	87.4	...	14.6	39.2	20.6	68.5
Aug. ...	42.8	210.3	253.1	0.3	87.6	...	14.6	39.5	20.7	69.2
Sept. ...	41.3	209.0	250.3	0.2	84.3	...	14.4	39.7	20.9	69.6
Oct. ...	39.1	207.4	246.5	0.2	80.8	...	14.4	40.1	21.1	69.9
Nov. ...	38.0	210.2	248.2	0.3	82.0	...	14.2	41.5	21.0	70.0
TOTAL. (Thousands.)										
1933—June ...	120.0	386.5	506.5	...	130.8	...	...	...	...	...
1939—July ...	155.9	542.0	697.9	...	218.1	...	...	...	...	...
1941—July ...	163.2	597.2	760.4	26.0	278.1	...	86.3	82.2	60.9	109.5
1942—July ...	187.9	579.6	767.5	25.6	298.1	19.5	89.3	73.4	56.7	104.9
1943—July ...	202.4	569.5	771.9	25.3	312.4	14.4	94.4	67.2	53.7	105.6
Nov. ...	200.9	574.5	775.4	25.2	314.2	11.1	94.3	66.5	54.6	108.5
1944—July ...	197.9	575.8	773.7	24.6	309.7	6.6	98.0	65.6	54.6	111.1
Nov. ...	197.9	581.8	779.7	25.0	306.0	7.2	99.6	67.8	56.4	114.0
Dec. ...	196.5	584.5	781.0	24.7	305.3	8.5	98.4	70.9	56.3	113.8
1945—Jan. ...	197.5	582.9	780.4	25.0	304.5	8.4	99.6	68.0	56.4	114.4
Feb. ...	198.0	584.6	782.6	24.8	304.9	8.6	100.3	67.8	56.4	114.9
Mar. ...	198.6	584.1	782.7	24.2	303.7	8.8	99.3	68.3	56.7	115.5
April ...	199.5	583.5	783.0	24.9	302.0	8.9	101.0	68.4	56.0	115.4
May ...	199.0	583.7	782.7	24.5	301.1	8.9	100.7	69.0	56.0	115.5
June ...	199.3	586.2	785.5	24.6	302.3	8.6	101.8	69.0	56.4	116.1
July ...	199.8	586.3	786.1	24.8	301.6	7.3	102.6	69.1	56.5	116.1
Aug. ...	198.4	589.5	787.9	25.1	301.9	5.9	103.3	69.7	57.1	117.5
Sept. ...	196.6	583.1	779.7	24.9	292.6	4.8	102.0	70.5	57.9	118.3
Oct. ...	193.3	578.5	771.8	23.7	283.3	3.5	102.6	71.6	58.8	119.3
Nov. ...	192.2	583.5	775.7	24.0	281.9	2.9	103.5	74.2	60.4	120.1

(a) Employees of Commonwealth, State and Local Government Authorities and of Allied Governments.

(b) Exclusive of Working Proprietors. Numbers from July, 1944, are subject to revision.

(c) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services (except private domestic).

27. UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS.

Persons in New South Wales receiving benefit under the Commonwealth Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Act, in operation since 1st July, 1945. (Benefit is subject to a "means test"; the "waiting period" is 7 days.)

Last Saturday in month.	Number of Persons (N.S.W.) in receipt of Benefit.							
	Unemployment.		Sickness.		Special.		Total.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
1945—July ...	89	6	789	148	2	2	880	156
August ...	117	10	1,118	218	2	2	1,237	230
September ...	166	13	1,483	313	7	7	1,650	333
October ...	285	27	1,759	365	...	10	2,044	402
November ...	495	94	2,035	429	1	14	2,531	537

Classification of Persons in receipt of Unemployment Benefit, 24th November, 1945.

Industry.	National Services Districts.						Remainder of State.		Total N.S.W.	
	Metropolitan.		Newcastle.*		Wollongong.					
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Primary ...	...	...	2	...	...	...	34	I	36	I
Mining, Quarrying ...	...	...	3	...	2	...	10	...	15	...
Industrial ...	60	...	42	I	126	4	64	70	292	75
Building, Construction...	3	...	4	...	3	...	24	...	34	...
Transport, Communication ...	7	...	...	...	23	...	6	...	36	...
Finance, Property ...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...
Commerce ...	10	I	8	...	I	...	13	4	32	5
Public Administration, Professional ...	15	I	I	...	I	...	13	2	30	3
Personal, Domestic, etc.	6	I	3	I	I	...	4	6	14	8
Not stated ...	I	...	...	I	...	...	2	I	3	2
Total ...	105	3	63	3	157	4	170	84	495	94

* Includes Cessnock, Lambton and West Maitland.

28. CONSUMPTION OF GAS AND ELECTRICITY.

Index of Monthly Sales of Gas and Electricity (Sydney).
(Based on number of units each equal to 3,412 British Thermal Units.)

Month.	Average, 1929 to 1931.	1929.	1932.	1936.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
January ...	100	103	93	110	119	125	136	141	141	164	155	173
February ...	100	105	95	112	122	125	135	142	145	159	161	174
March ...	100	102	95	111	121	130	130	143	146	164	165	171
April... ..	100	104	96	110	119	125	137	141	147	164	162	172
May ...	100	106	95	110	122	128	128	146	144	166	172	178
June ...	100	103	99	114	127	131	135	150	154	174	176	176
July ...	100	105	97	112	126	134	139	149	158	171	177	184
August ...	100	106	97	107	128	135	137	151	157	181	181	177
September ...	100	108	97	113	123	134	134	151	158	171	172	180
October ...	100	109	96	113	121	135	137	154	163	162	169	174
November ...	100	109	97	116	124	136	139	152	161	164	171	179
December ...	100	105	99	116	124	131	138	153	165	163	169	123
Year ...	100	105	96	112	123	131	135	148	154	167	170	172

The base for each month is the average sales in the corresponding month of the three years, 1929 to 1931.

29. RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—SYDNEY—WAR PERIOD.

(Base : Weighted Average for 6 Capital Cities in 1923-27 = 1,000.)

Quarter.	Food and Groceries.	Rent—4 and 5 rooms.	Clothing.	Miscellaneous Items.	Total Household Expenditure.	
					Index Number.	Increase from Sept. Quarter, 1939.
Per cent.						
1939—September ...	930	1,039	841	939	933	...
1940—September ...	945	1,042	948	996	973	4'3
1941—September ...	947	1,043	1,129	1,062	1,027	10'1
1942—September ...	1,061	1,042	1,337	1,105	1,122	20'3
1943—March* ...	1,050	1,042	1,408	1,145	1,141	22'3
June† ...	1,065	1,042	1,479	1,162	1,165	24'9
September ...	1,039	1,042	1,463	1,176	1,154	23'7
1944—March ...	1,019	1,043	1,443	1,176	1,143	22'5
June ...	1,025	1,043	1,437	1,172	1,143	22'5
September ...	1,035	1,043	1,437	1,167	1,146	22'8
December ...	1,022	1,043	1,441	1,169	1,142	22'4
1945—March ...	1,027	1,043	1,420	1,163	1,138	22'0
June... ...	1,040	1,043	1,410	1,163	1,141	22'3
September ...	1,042	1,043	1,412	1,163	1,142	22'4
December ...	1,029	1,043	1,459	1,163	1,147	22'9

* Price stabilisation level.

† War-time peak.

30. BASIC WAGE—INDUSTRIAL AWARDS.

Amount per week—Adult Males.

YEAR.	Sydney, Newcastle, Wollongong—Port Kembla.*				Crown Employees. (All Districts).			
	February.	May.	August.	November.	February.	May.	August.	November.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1939 ...	81 0	82 0	81 0	82 0	80 0	80 0	80 0	80 0
1940 ...	82 0	83 0	85 0	85 0	81 0	81 0	83 0	84 0
1941 ...	88 0	88 0	89 0	89 0	86 0	87 0	87 0	88 0
1942 ...	91 0	93 0	95 0	97 0	90 0	92 0	94 0	96 0
1943 ...	98 0	98 0	100 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	99 0	98 0
1944 ...	99 0	99 0	99 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	97 0	98 0
1945 ...	99 0	98 0	98 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	97 0	97 0
1946 ...	99 0				98 0			

* In all other districts, except Broken Hill, the rates were 3s. less.

In 1939 quarterly variations commenced in March, June, September and December.

The estimated population of N.S.W. at 31st December, 1944, was 2,884,848 (revised), or 39'3 per cent. of the total population of Australia (Sydney and Suburbs, 31st December, 1943, 1,398,170).

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